

**PROGRAMME CYCLE EVALUATION PLAN**

**CHINA NINTH COUNTRY PROGRAMME**

Programme Cycle:	The Ninth Country Programme (2021-2025)
Evidence utilized in the design of the costed plan	<p>Considering the possibility of conducting a Country Programme Evaluation (CPE) once in every two cycles and the programme context, a Country Programme Review (CPR) and a Thematic Evaluation on South-South Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) for the 8<sup>th</sup> Country Programme (2016-2020) were carried out between September and December 2019, and the quality assurance for the two exercises was provided by APRO. The new Country Programme Document (2021-2025) takes into account findings and recommendations of the CPR and the thematic evaluation.</p> <p>An independent Mid-Term Review (MTR) of United National Development and Assistance Framework (UNDAF) for China 2016-2020 was conducted in 2018 as per the China UNDAF Monitoring &amp; Evaluation Framework (2016-2020) and UNFPA CO was actively involved as a member of the reference group. Findings and recommendations from the MTR of UNDAF in China have informed development of the UNSDCF (2021-2025) for China and as well as of the 9th Country Programme (2021-2025).</p> <p>The 9<sup>th</sup> Country Programme and its costed evaluation plan have taken into account findings and recommendations of the recent global evaluations such as “Evaluation of UNFPA support to the prevention, response to and elimination of gender based violence (GBV), including harmful practices (HP) 2012-2017” and “Developmental evaluation of results-based management at UNFPA 2019” conducted by the Evaluation Office. For instance, the former evaluation provided the strong evidence that UNFPA’s health sector response is the most tangible contribution of UNFPA to quality accessible service and proposed interventions of the CP9 will contribute to improve health sector response to GBV including domestic violence in China. Also, the 9th Country Programme will contribute to the organizational commitment to systematic production and exchange of learning through South-South and Global Cooperation initiatives in the areas of GBV and harmful practices as recommended by the Global Evaluation on GBV and HP. Developmental evaluation of results-based management at UNFPA recommended UNFPA to enhance the organizational development of RMB solutions to move to the next stage of RBM to tackle the root causes of persistent RBM issues and challenges within the organization and China office will be actively involved in implementing organization-wide initiatives to improve evaluation culture and practices.</p> <p>An independent country programme evaluation (CPE) will be conducted in the penultimate year of the country programme with a view to highlighting innovation, sharing good practices, and ensuring accountability for programme results and the CPE is mandatory for this new programme cycle.</p> <p>According to the monitoring and evaluation plan in the UNSDCF China (2021-2025), a final independent evaluation of the UNSDCF will be commissioned in the penultimate year of the Cooperation Framework period, in order to contribute to the preparation of a</p>

	subsequent Cooperation Framework. The evaluations of UNSDCF and UNFPA CP will be conducted in 2024 and UNFPA CO will ensure synergies and complementarities between the two evaluations by working closely with the UN M&E Working Group and RCO considering that the 9 <sup>th</sup> CP will be contributing directly to achievement of two UNSDCF outcomes and three UNSDCF joint outputs which are copied verbatim from the UNSDCF (2021-2025).					
CP areas	The 9 <sup>th</sup> Country Programme will cover the following areas: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), Adolescents and Youth, Gender Based Violence including harmful practices, Population Dynamics, and South-South and Global Cooperation.					
<b>Evaluations</b>						
Evaluation Title	Purpose of the Evaluation	Start and end date (Month, Year)	Estimated Cost \$ <sup>1</sup>	Source of Funding	Key partners when conducting the exercise	Is it a joint exercise?
Country Programme Evaluation (CPE) for the 9th Country Programme (2021-2025)	To provide an independent assessment of the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of UNFPA support and progress towards the expected outputs and outcomes set forth in the results framework of the country programme, and provide actionable strategic as well as managerial findings and recommendations to inform the development of the next country programme cycle (2026-2030). The primary users of the CPE will be UNFPA, Chinese government counterparts, current and potential implementing partners in China, UN system, and other development partners.	January-October 2024	<u>\$75,236</u> (pls. refer to Annex I for the cost estimation for the evaluation )	Regular resources	Ministry of Commerce, National Health Commission, National Development and Reform Commission, National Bureau of Statistics, All China Women’s Federation, China Family Planning Association, China Maternal and Child Health Association, China Population and Development Research Center, National Center for Women and Child Health, China International Centre of Economic and Technical Exchange, China	No

<sup>1</sup> The budget of the evaluation plan should be commensurate to the overall budget of the country programme

					International Development Cooperation Agency; UN Agencies, RCO; selected embassies; Gates Foundation, China, Rehabilitaci3n International (RI), China Reproductive Health Industry Association, Beifang International Education Group (BIEG), Bayer Healthcare Company Limited; Academic Institutions including Renmin University, Peking University; Media: Xinhua News Agency, CGTN; and other stakeholders.	
Final Evaluation of the UNSDCF (2021-2025)	To assess progress towards the achievement of the expected results set forth in the UNSDCF (2021-2025), UN coordination and coherence, and utilize the findings to inform the development of the next UNSDCF (2026-2030) to the key partners and stakeholders.	January – October 2024	<u>\$10,000</u> (UNFPA contribution to the UNSDCF evaluation)	Regular Resources	Ministry of Commerce, National Health Commission, line ministries, National Development and Reform Commission, National Bureau of Statistics, All China Women’s Federation, China Population and Development Research Center, National Center for Women and Child Health, China International Centre of Economic and Technical Exchange, China International Development	Yes

					<p>Cooperation Agency; selected local governments and institutions;</p> <p>UN agencies; international partners;</p> <p>NGOs, CSOS, Representatives of the private sector and professional associations;</p> <p>Academic institutions; government think tanks; media and other key stakeholders.</p>	
<b>Evaluative activities (not evaluations)</b>						
UN Coherence in Monitoring and Evaluation (participation in UN joint initiatives and coordinated activities related to M&E)	<p>1. UNFPA will be an active member of the UN M&amp;E Task Force that provides technical assistance, quality assurance and guidance to the Results Groups and the UNCT for monitoring, evaluation and reporting on the UNSDCF implementation, and for preparation of the One Country Results report annually. As the custodian of specific UNSDCF outcome and output level indicators, UNFPA will be responsible for data collection, analysis and reporting on those indicators on an annual basis.</p> <p>2. As a member of the Joint Steering Committee co-chaired by the Ministry of Commerce and the UNRC, UNFPA will participate in annual review meetings to review progress towards the expected results as set</p>	January 2021 – December 2025			<p>UNCT, Regional office, Ministry of Commerce, and other national stakeholders</p>	Yes

CO Capacity Building on Evaluation	<p>forth in the UNSDCF and recommend strategic adjustments to accelerate action and remain relevant in a changing environment.</p> <p>Country Office staff will participate in an evaluation training organized by the United Nations Evaluation Development Group for Asia and the Pacific (UNEDAP)</p>	Quarter 1, 2024	<u>\$3,000</u>	Regular Resources	Regional Office	Yes
Contribution to National Capacity Development on Evaluation	Organize two training workshops on Results Based Management (RBM) covering evaluation topics for national partners including implementing partners (IPs), which will be facilitated by internal and external resource persons.	<p>Quarter 2, 2021;</p> <p>Quarter 1, 2024</p>	<u>\$10,000</u>	Regular Resources	Regional Office, national partners, IPs	No

**Annex I: Cost Estimation of CP9 CPE in 2024(China)**

Consultants	Consultancy fee			International travel					Domestic travel for field visits of data collection (two sites)					Dissemination cost	
	Daily rate of consultancy fee	Number of working days	Sub-total(\$)	Air ticket	DSA in Beijing	Days	TR M	Sub-total(\$)	Air/train ticket	DSA Rate at local sites	Days	TR M	Sub-total(\$)	Printing and translation(English-Chinese) cost	Meeting for CPE dissemination
International consultant	700	35	24,500	1500	260	4	188	2,728	1,000	180	4	282	2,002	3,000	2,000
National consultant	500	35	17,500						1,000	180	4	282	2,002		
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CO staff accompany the evaluation team for field visits									1,000	180	4	282	2,002		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>59,500</b>			<b>2,728</b>					<b>8,008</b>					<b>5,000</b>	
<b>Total cost estimation for CPE in 2024:</b>														<b>\$75,236</b>	